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MAUD STRAWN'S MURDER

Her Body Found in Her Sister's House in Iowa.

DECOMPOSITION HAD SET IN

Indications Point to Chloroform Having Been Used to Anesthetize Her. Body Found in Her Sister's House in Iowa.

Cherokee, Iowa, Feb. 18.—This part of the State is in a fever of excitement over the new developments which had fair to unravel the mystery surrounding the death of Maud Strawn, the handsome eighteen-year-old school girl, whose lifeless body was found in her room at her married sister's home at Sheldon, Iowa.

It is supposed the girl had been dead for three or four days when found, as decomposition had set in. The body was discovered on Saturday, and the girl had not been in attendance at school since Wednesday forenoon, nor had anyone seen her on the streets.

At 11 o'clock on Wednesday Miss Strawn asked to be excused, as she expected company and would have to get dinner herself, as her sister, with whom she was staying, had gone to the country on a visit.

LAST TIME SEEN ALIVE.
That was the last time she was seen alive by her teacher or schoolmates. Neighbors saw her enter the house where she was boarding, and the first chapter of this mysterious tragedy ends.

Three days later Art Gruff, brother-in-law of the deceased, went to the house to discover what had happened. He found the girl lying on the floor, her face pale and her eyes closed. He found a bottle of chloroform and a glass of water on the table, and a small box of pills on the dresser.

The fact that the girl was also dead leads to the theory that chloroform had been administered, as there was an ample supply of food in the cage for the bird's sustenance during the three days from the time of death.

It was thought at first to be a case of suicide, but later developments have entirely exploded that theory.

Two persons, Al Bull and G. Morrell, have been arrested, charged with having knowledge of the girl's death. It developed at the coroner's inquest that, while there was no outward indication of violence, there was strong proof of the girl having been injured, and the jury so found.

WERE SEEN TO ENTER.
It was also asserted by witnesses that Bull and Morrell were seen to enter the house on Wednesday night. The day that Miss Strawn is supposed to have met her death. Bull was recently divorced from his wife, she bringing the action. It is also said that Bull has of late been receiving considerable attention to Miss Strawn, and it is thought he secured the girl's confidence, and that he was the visitor she referred to when she asked to be excused from school on that fatal day.

The supposition is that Bull took Morrell along with him, and by administering a drug they succeeded in easily killing her.

Public feeling is strong against the prisoners, and should the fact be established beyond any reasonable doubt that they were the cause of Maud Strawn's death there will probably be a double lynching.

The theory of suicide will not be listened to by Miss Strawn's friends and schoolmates. She was of a modest, unassuming and confiding nature, always putting forth an effort to please and not to offend.

Two Specials for Tuesday.

Enamelled Iron Cup Dipper, 8 cents.

4 Qt. Enamelled Iron Coffee Pot, 38 cents.

BARGAIN WEEK.
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SON PROSECUTED PARENT

George M. Coburn's Disgrace Made Public in Court.

HE ILLTREATS HIS FAMILY

The Judge Disgraced by the Story of the Father's Conduct and Gave the Prisoner a Raking Over—Church Member Moses Was Compelled to Pay a Fine.

"Only tin, and nollin' but Irish and nagers," was the announcement of Police-Plum in Police Court this morning. Judge Kimball had another easy day's work, and a few minutes after 10 o'clock Sheriff Cole announced that his honor's court had adjourned until tomorrow morning.

Ed Brockton and Moses Jackson, well-dressed colored men, were honored with the first hearing. To a charge of disorderly conduct, preferred against them by Police-Plum, they each pleaded not guilty.

"About 12:55 o'clock this morning," testified the officer, "I was standing at the corner of Eighteenth and K streets, and I heard these boys and three others cursing and swearing about two blocks off. Some ladies and gentlemen were returning home from a reception and were afraid to go by them. They were all drinking, and were very disorderly."

Moses took the stand and denied the officer's statement.

"I'm a ch'ch member, judge, and don't do no swearin'. I was jus' comin' home from Bill Joyce's, and his officer come up and asked for nollin'."

"What time was this?" asked the court.

"About half past eleven."

"You must have been pretty badly under the influence of liquor," replied the judge, "for that would have been impossible for this policeman not to come on duty until 12 o'clock."

ELI'S SONG AND DANCE.
Then Eli took the stand and gave his honor a long song and dance.

"I have every reason to believe the officer's statement," said Judge Kimball. "Moses can pay a five dollar fine and I'll take Eli's personal bonds."

"George Jordan," called Clerk Harper. "You are charged with disorderly conduct. What say you to this charge—guilty or not guilty?"

"I'm guilty," he replied.

Lawyer Moss spoke a few good words for him and so did the officer who made the arrest.

In consideration that he was a hard-working man and admitted his guilt the court took his personal bonds.

George M. Coburn, a respectable-looking man, was arraigned also on a charge of disorderly conduct. His seventy-year-old son, a bright-looking lad, was the complaining witness.

Coburn answered not guilty to the charge whereupon the boy took the stand.

"Step up here, father, your honor," said young Coburn, nervously, "and my mother and brothers and sisters can't stand his actions of late. He always comes home drunk and curses and swears so loud that he can be heard in the street. He sometimes makes threats toward my mother, and we are all afraid of him."

The officer in the case took the stand and told the court that he knew Coburn, sr., for many months, and that he had a wife and a house full of children, and he always drank.

He added that he never knew him to do any work, or in any way assist in supporting his family.

Was he so profane last night that he could be heard from the street? asked his honor.

"Yes, sir," replied the officer.

"Step up here, Coburn, do you want to say anything?"

"Your honor," he began, "I was drunk. I can't deny that, but I wasn't doing much cursing and swearing."

Judge Kimball became disgusted, and did not care to hear any more.

SCORED THE FATHER.
"The idea of a father of nine children being responsible for his own son's conduct in attacking and testifying against him," said his honor.

"A respectable-looking man who has been a vagabond from drink, cursing and swearing at your wife and children. Nice actions for a father. You can pay a fine of \$10 or go to the workhouse for thirty days."

Michael Ford was the first vagabond to get through with it.

"This is the first time you've been up in court," said the judge. "How much did you get last time?"

"Thirty days," he answered.

"Well, you can pay two months this time," was the conclusion of the court.

William Janifer, colored, pleaded not guilty to a charge of profanity. After the testimony his bonds were taken.

Arthur Cherry, a typical Irishman, who has told his story to Judge Kimball before, had an opportunity to deliver another oration to the court. Vagrancy was Police-Plum Archambault's charge.

"Not guilty," Cherry pleaded, as usual.

"I found him out in the northwestern corner this morning," said the officer. "He was very drunk and said he lived in Baltimore, so I arrested him."

"Do you want to say anything?" asked the judge of Cherry.

He made a statement, at the conclusion of which he received ten days.

Judge Miller sentenced George Brown, colored, seventeen years of age, to ten months in jail for attempting to pick the pocket of Mr. C. T. Lacy of a gold watch valued at \$125 at the home of his late Saturday afternoon.

BREWERS AS EDUCATORS.
Back Prof. Washington's Scheme to Colonize Negroes in Mississippi.

New York, Feb. 18.—A Milwaukee, Wis., special says: When Prof. Booker Washington, the well-known colored educator, was in the city recently he was introduced to members of the Pabst and Schlitz brewing companies, and all these gentlemen became much interested in his projects for negro education.

As a result they have determined to erect on Tahkatchee, near Milwaukee, a large industrial college, where negroes can learn trades and receive an education so that they may become self-sufficient. The brewers propose now to colonize this land.

The colleges will be free and will be conducted on a plan similar to Prof. Washington's famous industrial institute for negroes at Tuskegee, Ala. Instructors for the colleges will be secured from Tuskegee Institute.

OTHER BODIES IN THE RUINS.
Fearful Apprehensions Regarding the Great Fire.

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The only persons positively known to be dead from the fire last night are Mrs. Patrick Carroll, Mrs. Robert Kane, and Mrs. Ann Kelly, employees of J. Stettin & Co.'s cigar factory. There is a fear, which almost approaches a certainty, that there are other bodies in the ruins, several girders being thrown across the windows and then fall back and were not seen again.

There are a number of persons who are injured by burns and bruises, but none of these are believed to have been fatally hurt. The fire is still burning, but is under control. The property loss will reach about \$200,000, mostly covered by insurance. Three buildings were burned, the principal one being the Burdett building, in which the fire started. A coroner's inquest will be held tomorrow night.

THE NEXT THEATER TOY.
Get next Sunday's Times with the "Little Red Riding Hood" theater toy. Don't fear, there will be enough to supply all demands.

Buy all you want—one, two, three or more—the supply will be inexhaustible—and you can give one to each of your children and send it to far-away little relatives.

The Sunday Times and the toy together will only cost three cents.

A TALKING BUSINESS.

THE PHENOMENAL SUCCESS OF "THE PASS-IT-ON SOCIETY."

The Beginning and Remarkable Growth of a New Business Enterprise—The Record of a Year. Life of Richard T. Booth.

On Feb. 1st, 1895, the Rev. Dr. Farrar, Pastor of the First Reformed Church, of Brooklyn, wrote these words:

"Booth's Pocket Inhaler works like a charm. The first dose I gave my wife it is a blessing to humanity, and I am sorry it is not better known. I find my name in the 'Pass-It-On Society' directory yours."

Rev. J. M. FARRAR, D. D.

The inhaler was a new and simple device, it was the only one of its kind, and it was a little thing that was a great help to many people. It was a simple device, it was a little thing that was a great help to many people. It was a simple device, it was a little thing that was a great help to many people.

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Are in evidence in this big shipment, and, late as it may be in the season, no wonder the people came when such prices as those given below were the order of the day. Now the cold weather is here, and the wise ones will be here this morning to secure their choice at

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WOMAN RAZOR WELDERS

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STEEL AND BRUSH EXPERTS

Three Fair Creatures Who Lather and Scrape Along With the Best of Male Tonsorialists—One Talks Intelligently About Woman Suffrage and Kindred Topics.

An Avenue barber has added three "body tonsorial artists" to his corps of assistants. A card in his window indicates that the women came from Chicago, and they verify the placarded announcement. Chicago always does produce strange things—that is, strange to every other city but herself.

But why shouldn't a woman be a barber? She is much greater than a man and every woman is a barber. She can talk as much as a man barber, and what more should one want? She surely has as much right to amputate the whiskers on a man's face as he has to try on her shoes or make her own even stranger hair.

That this enterprising barber will find the innovation a profitable one is not to be doubted, but time alone will prove what interest will melt away as the novelty vanishes.

To be shaved by a woman, if she is a good barber, is for all the world like being shaved by a man, if he is likewise a good barber. She makes the lather the same, applies it almost the same, rubs the face like a man, except possibly a little gentler, and strokes the razor similarly.

The sensation experienced when being shaved by a fair creature is most aptly and well described by the word pleasing. She whistles and sings, and the man who is shaved by her is like a man who is shaved by a woman. The lather is prepared to a nicety and when she rules the face she does not do it with the ordinary rudeness of the male members of the same profession, who evidently think that the change was made for massage experimental purposes only.

SHE IS SWIFT.
One of the chief attributes of the woman barber is her swiftness. While a man is going into the barber's shop, she is already at his latest investment in a suburban lot she has reached the point where she shaves, "a dry brush," and is almost ready for the next customer.

She even handles the face with a gentleness that makes one wish her rapidity was not so conspicuous. One of the women shaves the entire side of the face, including the moustache, before turning. Both of the others shave the right side, the chin, and neck, and the left side, and lastly the upper lip.

The women artists grasp the razor as their brothers do that is, with the three fingers on the back, the thumb on the side, and the index finger on the thumb on the underside of the blade. A noticeable feature is that they move the razor away from their face.

"How long have you been in the business?" asked the reporter, as he leaned back in the chair.

"About two years," answered the fair razor wielder, the senior member of the trio, by the way. "One of the girls has been at work almost as long. The other has been at work for a month or so. I am a trade of a man barber, and I try to follow his teaching as far as possible."

"If a young woman wants to earn an honest living, and is at all adapted to barbering, I would advise her to take it up. We get \$12 a piece a week and 20c per cut over \$30. That isn't bad, is it? I think not."

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